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FOR and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged and confessed, we, Dan Dixon; Harold H. Bennett; Marc Dambrine; and Michael G. Rayner, residing at 12527 Country Road 443, St. Joseph, Missouri 64505; 4707 North Heatherwood Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506; 18, Residence Jean Audegond, F-80470 Ailly-S/Somme, France; and 4904 Creek Crossing Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri 64507, respectively, and citizens of The United States; The United States; France; and The United States, respectively, hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto Nestec S.A., a corporation of Switzerland, having an office and place of business at Avenue Nestle 55, CH-1800 Vevey, Switzerland, the entire right, title and interest in and to our inventions in

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prepared by the firm of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC of Chicago, Illinois, and executed of even date herewith, said application being identified in the office records of said firm as Case No. 112701-191; and to the United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all foreign rights including the right to make application for Letters Patent for said inventions in any and all foreign countries and the right to claim priority as to the filing date under the International Convention on the basis for the aforesaid application for United States Letters Patent; and we hereby authorize and direct the Commissioner of Patents to issue the patent for said inventions, when granted, in accordance with this Assignment and sale.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our name on:

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Dan K Dixon  
DAN DIXON

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HAROLD H. BENNETT

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